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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): A percussion musical instrument comprising:  
a set of clave blocks each comprising a rigid body made of a solid material, said body  
having an open cavity therewithin defined solely by said solid material;  
said bodies having substantially equal exterior dimensions and ~~assorted~~ different volumes of  
said open cavities therewithin provided to generate musical tones of ~~assorted~~ a variety of pitches.

Claim 2 (original): The musical instrument as defined in claim 1, wherein said set includes  
three clave blocks including a low pitch clave block provided to generate a low pitch tone, a  
medium pitch clave block provided to generate a medium pitch tone and a high pitch clave block  
provided to generate a high pitch tone.

Claim 3 (original): The musical instrument as defined in claim 2, wherein a volume of said  
open cavity of said low pitch clave block of said set is larger than a volume of said open cavity of

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cavity of said medium pitch clave block, and wherein said volume of said open cavity of said medium pitch clave block is larger than a volume of said open cavity of said high pitch clave block.

Claim 4 (original): The musical instrument as defined in claim 1, wherein said body of at least one of said clave blocks has a mounting ring.

Claim 5 (original): The musical instrument as defined in claim 1, wherein said body of each of said clave blocks is made of plastic material.

Claim 6 (original): The musical instrument as defined in claim 1, wherein said body of each of said clave blocks is made by injection molding process.

Claim 7 (new): The musical instrument as defined in claim 1, wherein said bodies of different volumes having different thickness of said solid material.

Claim 8 (new): The musical instrument as defined in claim 1, wherein said cavities include openings having different perimeters.